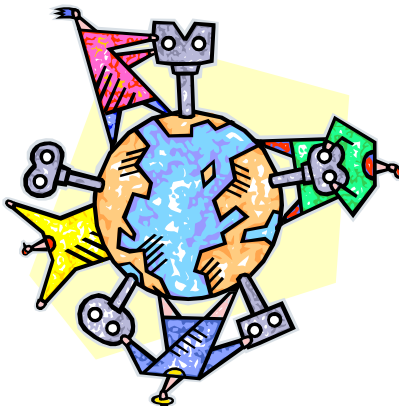


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There are many on-line resources that provide minority entrepreneurs with the tools to build successful enterprises. These databases and websites offer a wide range of services that help with business planning and development, financing, franchising, training and counseling, research and market data and much more. Many other important sources for the entrepreneur are available, and can be found throughout the library's Business Matters web pages.

### Websites

#### **Diversity Information Resources**

<http://www.diversityinforesources.com>

A database of thousands of certified minority & women owned businesses; also, includes resources, educational seminars and support.

#### **Florida Minority Supplier Development Council (FMSDC)**

<http://www.nmsdcfl.com>

A non-profit corporation which seeks to provide a direct link between corporate America and minority-owned business enterprises. And, a long-time networking organization for minority businesses in Central Florida.

#### **Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (FSHCC)**

<http://www.fshcc.com>

Promotes the economic advancement of the Florida Hispanic business community, with a focus on economic and political empowerment, and public advocacy.

#### **Hispanic Business Initiative Fund of Greater Orlando (El Fondo de Iniciativa para Negocios Hispanos del Gran Orlando)**

<http://www.hbiforl.org>

This non-profit organization provides entrepreneurs with the tools and skills to start and expand their businesses. The HBIF assists with business plans, financing options, loan preparations, training seminars, workshops and networking.

#### **Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Orlando (La Cámara de Comercio Hispana de Metro Orlando)**

<http://www.hispanicchamber.net>

The HCC is a membership organization, but it also provides a wide range of important public services including links to market data, professional associations, business news, business seminars, workshops and events. It also links to *Ahora Orlando*, the official relocation magazine of the HCC which focuses on the Central Florida Hispanic community.



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### **Florida Department of State: Starting a Business in Florida (Departamento del Estado de Florida-Iniciación de un Negocio en la Florida)**

<http://www.bienvenidosalaflorida.com>

This government agency provides links to business registration, demographic information, international trade, industry reports, small business assistance, legal forms and other web sources related to starting a business.

### **United States Minority Business Development Agency**

<http://www.mbda.gov>

Works to achieve entrepreneurial parity for minority business enterprises with access to financing, to the marketplace, to education and to technology.

### **United States Small Business Administration (SBA) (Agencia Federal para el Desarrollo de la Pequeña Empresa)**

<http://www.sba.gov/espanol> and

<http://www.sba.gov/fl>

An agency of the U.S. Government, the SBA website contains a wealth of information for the Latino entrepreneur. It offers an extensive list of programs, services and links that assist in virtually every aspect of planning and operating a business. Website includes FAQ's and special services such as export assistance and help for women entrepreneurs. Links to local SBA offices.

### **Women Biz**

<http://www.womenbiz.gov>

Provides useful information and links specifically focused on the woman business owner interested in doing business with the federal government.

### **Women's Business Enterprise National Council**

<http://www.wbenc.org>

Advocate of women-owned businesses as suppliers to America's corporations.

### **Women-owned Businesses. United States Small Business Administration (SBA)**

<http://www.sba.gov/women>

Offers many programs and services to help women entrepreneurs succeed.

## Databases/Reference Resources Online

### **Informe (Revistas en Español) (In Library or remote access with Library Card)**

Informe is a Spanish-language database with full-text articles from 140 popular Spanish language and bilingual magazines. Topics range from current events to business to academic interests. 1999 to the present.

## Journals/Periodicals

### **Asian Enterprise Magazine**

<http://www.asianenterprise.com>

The information source for independent Asian Pacific American entrepreneurs throughout the United States with news, articles, awards and networking advice.



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### **Black Enterprise Magazine**

<http://www.blackenterprise.com>

News, articles, events and networking advice for African-American business owners.

### **Florida Hispano**

<http://www.floridahispano.com>

Florida's Hispanic business magazine.

### **Hispanic Business Magazine**

<http://hispanicbusiness.com>

This online business magazine reports corporate news and business trends and developments. It serves the Hispanic business population with information, ideas and advice including franchising, research, finance and more.

### **MBE: Minority Business Entrepreneur Magazine**

<http://www.mbemag.com>

This online business magazine is dedicated to the success of minority and women business owners. Includes features on minority successes, articles on business opportunities, and more.

### **Online Library**

#### **Biblioteca en Línea: SBA**

[http://sba.gov/espanol/Biblioteca\\_en\\_Linea](http://sba.gov/espanol/Biblioteca_en_Linea)

A full-text, on-line library of step-by-step guides that cover such topics as starting a business, establishing product prices, payroll and taxes, public relations, merchandising, creating Web businesses, and selling to the government.

## Organizations

African-American Chamber of Commerce Central Florida

511 W South St

Suite 205

Orlando, FL 32801

(407) 428-5850

(407) 428-5851 - Fax

Email: [info@aaccforl.net](mailto:info@aaccforl.net)

Web Site: [www.aaccforl.com](http://www.aaccforl.com)

Asian-American Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 770093

Orlando, FL 32877

(407) 257-7531

(407) 240-1961 - Fax

Black Business Investment Fund

315 E Robinson St

Suite 222

Orlando, FL 32801

(407) 649-4780

(407) 649-8688 - Fax

[www.bbif.com](http://www.bbif.com)

*Helps with loan funds, technical assistance, and business plans.*



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(407) 843-2632 - Fax  
Email: [asantini@olwinc.com](mailto:asantini@olwinc.com)  
Web site: [www.brazilchamber.org](http://www.brazilchamber.org)

Florida Minority Supplier Development Council  
6880 Lake Ellenor Dr  
Suite 104A  
Orlando, FL 32809  
(407) 245-6062  
(407) 857-8647 - Fax  
Email: [info@fmsdc.org](mailto:info@fmsdc.org)  
Web site: <http://www.nmsdcfl.com>  
*Certifies ethnic U.S. Citizen minority owned companies for networking opportunities with Corporate America.*

Hispanic Business Initiative Fund  
3700 34th St  
Suite 100  
Orlando, FL 32805  
(407) 428-5872  
(407) 428-5873 - Fax  
Email: <http://hbiforl.org>

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
319 N Magnolia Ave  
Orlando, FL 32801  
(407) 428-5870  
(407) 428-5871 - Fax  
Web Site: [www.hispanicchamber.net](http://www.hispanicchamber.net)  
Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce of Orlando, Florida  
(407) 352-2539

Women's Endeavors in Business  
Contact: Andy Tolbert  
Email: [weborlandorsvp@aol.com](mailto:weborlandorsvp@aol.com) or phone  
(407) 831-2277  
<http://orlandobusinesswomen.org>

